



City of Newport Beach, CA
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Gardner & Council Members
FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager
DATE: November 9, 2012

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager
From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter
Date: November 9, 2012

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "KB", is written next to the name Kimberly Brandt.

Planning Division

New Applications

- Capriotti's Sandwich Shop (PA2012-142). A minor use permit was submitted to allow an eating and drinking establishment within a new commercial development at 4221 MacArthur Boulevard in the Airport Business Area. The proposed establishment would seat a maximum of 28 customers with a public area of 578 square feet. The proposed hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday.
- Thai Body Massage (PA2012-136). A minor use permit application was submitted to establish the parking requirement for a massage operation at 3617 East Coast Highway in Corona del Mar.
- 3 Corporate Plaza (PA2012-145). An amendment to the Corporate Plaza Planned Community text was submitted to increase the permitted maximum square footage for medical/dental use at 3 Corporate Plaza in Newport Center by 200 square feet to a total of 3,300 square feet; and simultaneously decrease the maximum square footage of medical/dental use at 2 Corporate Plaza by 200 square feet to a total of 1,900 square feet.

Counter Activity

We received the first set of statistics using the new Q-Matic system. For the month of October (23 days), there were a total of 676 customer transactions (average of 29 per day). The average waiting time was 4 ½ minutes and average time for the actual customer transaction was under 12 minutes.

Plan Check Activity

Plan check activity continues to show an increase in the submittal of single-family and duplex structures in the past several weeks. Additionally, plan check activity remains high in and around Newport Center/Fashion Island.

PLANNING PLAN CHECK ACTIVITY FOR OCT 15 TO OCT 26	
81	PLAN CHECKS REVIEWED OVER THE COUNTER
65	PLANS APPROVED OVER THE COUNTER (FOR A TOTAL OF 80%)

Building Division

New Solar Energy Fees

The State of California passed Senate Bill 1222 limiting fees charged for permits of solar energy systems. Solar energy systems are recognized as a cost effective, renewable source of energy. The purpose of the bill is to promote, encourage, and cause solar energy systems to be more affordable to the consumer. Beginning in January 2013, fees will be capped for building permits issued for all solar energy systems for both residential and commercial uses. Further information related to SB 1222 may be found [here](#).

Building Activity for October

For the month of October, the Building Division permitted over \$30.4 million in construction activity, which is a \$15 million increase from the previous month. Noteworthy construction activity for October includes building permits issued for:

- Five new custom homes at various locations throughout the City;
- Mariners Pointe – A 20,000 sq. ft. retail building with a 57,000 sq. ft. parking structure at the corner of Dover Drive and West Coast Highway, at the gateway to Mariner's Mile;
- Fig & Olive – A new 8,276 sq. ft. restaurant serving southern French cuisine located on the site of the old Coco's in Fashion Island;
- Red O – A new 6,915 sq. ft. restaurant serving Mexican cuisine located adjacent to Fig & Olive in Fashion Island.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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November 9, 2012

TO: DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

WELCOME NEW DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR

After a thorough open recruitment process, we are pleased to welcome Steve Montano, our new deputy finance director. Steve holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from U.C. Berkley. He is a former U.S. Marine Corps, Infantry Squad Leader with subsequent experience at the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the City of Palo Alto, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Superior Court and the City of San Juan Capistrano. We believe Steve will be a great addition to our staff and look forward to him starting on November 13.

ACCOMMODATING CREDIT CARD CUSTOMERS

More and more people prefer to pay with credit cards rather than with checks or cash, partly for the convenience, and partly for the incentive "points" gained with every swipe. In the past, many City departments, including Library, Recreation, Parking Lots, Public Works, and Police have taken credit card payments. In early 2011, we expanded a customer's ability to pay by credit card to Revenue's Customer Service and the Community Development Department. In addition, a kiosk area in the City Hall lobby was opened to provide customers with another place to pay by credit card.

More recently, the credit card option was expanded so that customers could pay by credit cards over the phone and online for most City services. Last, but not least, customers are also now able to use their credit cards at parking meters as well. The City's customers have taken advantage of the credit card option – there was a 26% increase in over-the-counter credit card payments from 2011 to 2012.

If you have any suggestions about streamlining payments – or other areas of the City that you think would benefit from taking credit card payments, please contact Fiscal Specialist Bryan Bello at x3241.

ADVERTISING ON TAXICABS

Monique Navarrete, a committee member of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP), attended the quarterly meeting on October 18, 2012. OCTAP is a voluntary association of 34 Orange County agencies created to coordinate taxicab service, permitting, and other administrative functions with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in compliance with California Government Code §53075.5 as authorized by participating agencies.

Advertising on taxicab vehicles was an agenda item that was discussed at the July 19, 2012, meeting and brought back for discussion in October. Taxicab operators are seeking approval from OCTAP to allow advertising on their vehicles stating that advertising on taxicabs could be a revenue stream for the operators and for local businesses. The types of advertisements discussed covered rear window screens, rooftop billboards (taxi toppers), trunk billboards, wheel covers, and full and partial wraps. Comments and concerns were brought up by member cities, including, would there be a violation of First Amendment Rights if cities would only allow certain types of advertisement, how can cities ensure that any of the advertisements would not be objectively offensive, can cities allow advertisement on certain areas of the cab only, and did any law enforcement foresee any safety issues. OCTA legal counsel stated that allowing advertising on taxicabs would be a substantive change to the OCTAP regulations and would require approval from each member city.

Member cities made a motion and directed OCTAP staff to draft possible regulations relating to advertisement on taxicabs, provide member cities with information on the procedures and types of advertisement allowed by the OCTA buses, and member cities were requested to seek input from city management and their city attorneys.

Committee members will return on January 17, 2013, and continue the discussion of advertising on taxicabs.



Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: November 9, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

CERT "Drill the Skills"

On Saturday, November 3, over 100 CERT volunteers participated in the last major "Drill the Skills" of 2012.

The "Drill the Skills" was the culmination of the Fall 2012 Tuesday/Thursday evening CERT program and the all-day Saturday program. CERT volunteers participating in the drill



went through six-30 minute stations consisting of outdoor light search and rescue, indoor light search and rescue, fire suppression, triage, medical operations and an ID badge/review station. The drill ended with a graduation ceremony for the 50 new CERT graduates. The next two

CERT programs are scheduled to begin in late February 2013, and run through the month of March.



Change Your Clock, Change your Battery - 25th Anniversary Program

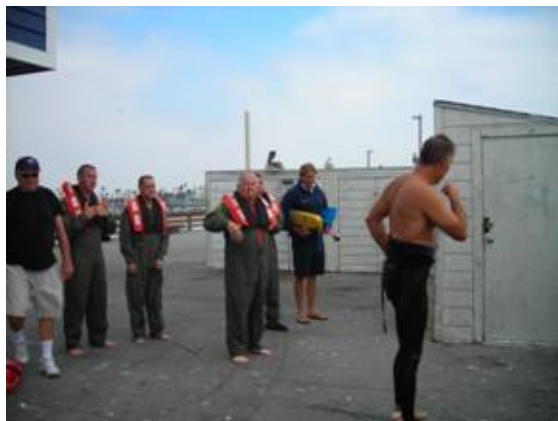
Smoke detectors save lives! But they also require care and feeding. Each year, 9-Volt batteries are donated by *Energizer* to fire departments nationwide for distribution to the community, and we are in receipt of a limited quantity. Should you know someone in need of batteries, please stop by Fire Department Administration at City Hall. We are pleased to be able to pass the batteries along to homes in need, while supplies last.

October Inspection and Plan Check Activity Surges Ahead

Demand for Life Safety Services remains strong. This past month, we tallied 122 plan checks and associated field inspections, along with 64 permits to operate inspections. This represents a 15 and 20% increase respectively when compared to the average volume over the last three months.

Lifeguards Assist LA County Sheriff Deputies

On November 7, Los Angeles County Sheriff helicopter crews performed survival training at the Newport Beach Pier. Newport Beach lifeguards assisted with safety while the LA Sheriff Deputies practiced water entries from the Pier simulating a downed aircraft.



The Endless Summer

As October concludes and November begins, warm weather and excellent water conditions have continued. This has encouraged unusually large numbers of beach visitors for this time of year. Lifeguard staff was increased over most weekends this past month. In the month of October, lifeguards performed 63 rescues, 2,500 preventative actions, 230 medical aides, 4,500 public assists and had an attendance of over 350,000 people.

Lifeguard Regional Training Officers

On Tuesday, November 6, Newport Lifeguards hosted a "Train the Trainer" course at Fire Station 7. Lifeguard Training Officers from Orange County, San Diego and Long Beach enhanced their skills by teaching Marine Safety techniques to both full time and seasonal lifeguards. Lifeguard Captain Mike Halphide led the training, which was the first of three classes to regionalize techniques and skills.

Whale Visits Balboa Peninsula



On Sunday morning, November 4th, a juvenile California Gray Whale, approximately ten months old, came within ten feet of the shore gently swimming back and forth between Lifeguard Towers G and P on the Balboa Peninsula. Reports of whales close to shore along the Balboa Peninsula are a common occurrence during the migration season. The calm inshore water provides an underwater shelf for Gray Whales to scratch, rest and nap during their long trips between Alaska and Baja, Mexico. On Sunday,

Marine Mammal representatives were concerned because of the early sighting, but lifeguards reported that five whale sightings had already been made in the previous week from Lifeguard Headquarters. Video footage can be seen at: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/video?id=8873568>

Two World Class Water Polo Players!

Two Seasonal Lifeguards, Maddie McLaren (left), and Alys Williams (right), have been selected to represent the USA and compete in the FINA Youth World Championships in Water Polo. The Tournament will be held in Perth, Australia December 1-9, 2012. Sixteen teams from around the world will be competing to bring home the World Championship Gold Medal. Alys and Maddie just completed working their first summer as lifeguards here in Newport Beach; both attend UCLA.



Wildland Urban Interface Training

On November 7, 2012 our Fire Protection Specialist Steve Michaels attended Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) training at the Ventura County Fire District Headquarters in Camarillo. The general topics included:

- New buildings and updated Building Codes;
- Working with other agencies (DFG, Building Dept., Public Works);
- State and local regulations on defensible space - landscaping around the structure;
- Working with fire protection plans;
- The inspector's role in the process (Geared toward the building inspector and the WUI building codes).

The presenters, all leaders in their respective fields, discussed and outlined the latest thinking and best management practices for designing, reviewing, building, and maintaining structures in the WUI. By all accounts, it was time very well spent.

Collaborative Work

Lifeguards, Firefighters and Orange County Sheriff Deputies worked collaboratively to safely rescue a citizen off the east harbor entrance jetty in late October. Suffering a medical problem while walking on the jetty, the individual slid down between the large boulders and was lodged almost eight feet below the top of the jetty. It was determined



the safest way to remove the patient was by an Orange County Sheriff's Fireboat. Working collaboratively, the patient was transported to the Harbor Patrol dock to awaiting Newport Beach paramedics who treated the patient.



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: November 9, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

RETIREMENT EDUCATION

Over the course of the last three weeks, Human Resources has hosted the annual Retirement Seminar for employees and transition meetings to a new medical savings plan. Speakers from the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Social Security Administration, ICMA-RC and Great West provided information pertinent to preparing for retirement. The International City Management Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) was introduced as the City's new administrator of the employee Retiree Health Savings (RHS) program. ICMA-RC will be replacing OptumHealth Financial Services as the current administrator. We will continue to provide resources and education to all participants in the coming months and ensure that any new changes in the law effective January 1, 2013, are addressed as well.

2013 HEALTH BENEFIT ELECTIONS

Active employees will be receiving confirmations for 2013 Health Benefit Elections. Please be sure to read your confirmation carefully and notify HR immediately if there are any discrepancies. All benefit elections will be reflected on paychecks dated January 4, 2013. Please call Human Resources at 949-644-3256 with any questions.



HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL) WEBPAGE

The Human Resources Department has launched a new page on the City's website dedicated to health and wellness. We encourage everyone to visit the site and see all of the healthy activities available in Newport Beach. From biking trails to farmer's markets, this is a great place to get active and stay healthy! For more information please visit the HEAL webpage at www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2167.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library – Cultural Arts



November 9, 2012

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager
From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

New Librarian III Announced

I'm happy to announce that our new Librarian III is Natalie Basmacyan. Natalie has a Master's degree in Library Science from Rutgers and 15 years experience managing Barnes and Noble installations on the East Coast and in California. Her first day in this position will be November 19.



Additionally, three new Pages have been added to the NBPL staff. Dean Ngo and Lauren Kent will be working at the Mariners Branch. Leah Duffy will be scheduled at the Central Library.

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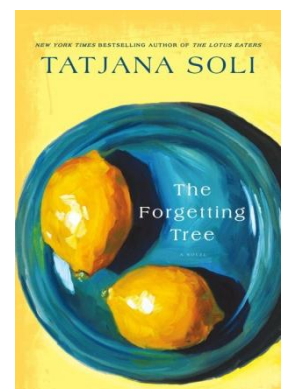
The library recently added a new eBook platform to its growing collection of online resources. *Axis 360* by Baker & Taylor works with Apple and Android devices, as well as Windows PCs. Customers with Amazon Kindles, Nook and Sony eReaders can download books from *Overdrive*, another eBook platform available online through the library's website. We are fortunate to have the support of the NBPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library, making it possible for us to offer both of these valuable resources to our customers.



Authors at the Library

This week we had two very interesting authors speak at the Central Library. On Monday night, Walter Stahr, son of longtime library supporters, John and Elizabeth Stahr, spoke about his new biography "Seward: Lincoln's Indispensable Man." The book has been widely praised, and along with his prior release, "John Jay, Founding Father," it has established Walter Stahr as a highly-regarded historian and masterful biographer.

On Thursday night, the NBPL Foundation hosted a Library Live event with author Tatjana Soli, whose debut novel "The Lotus Eaters" was the winner of the James Tait Black Prize and a "New York Times" Notable Book. She spoke to the "sold out" crowd in the Friends Meeting Room about her newest novel, "The Forgetting Tree."



Yelp Loves the Friends Bookstore

The Friends of the Library were recently notified that “It’s official – People on Yelp love you!” According to Yelp: “Locals around Newport Beach say you have one of the best spots in the city.” Friends of the Library Bookstore had 18 Yelp reviews and an average rating of 4.5 stars out of 5. In fact, if you look for “book stores” in Newport Beach, the Friends Bookstore in the Central Library comes up number one!

Cultural Arts Services

City Arts Commission Meeting

This month the Arts Commissioners considered a painting donation from a local artist, and also discussed the acceptance of two sculptures for permanent loan from Deutsche Bank. Commissioner Smith had made contact with Deutsche Bank through the Orange County Museum of Art and introduced photos of the sculptures to the Library Board and Arts Commission in anticipation of accepting the sculptures to be placed on public property somewhere in the City. At the October meeting Commissioners asked Mr. Smith to form a “master plan committee” to review these kinds of offers, to ensure that there is a cohesive plan for public art installation. Commissioners Logan, Goldberg and Boller were appointed to the committee.

Sunday Musicales with Kate Loughrey, Harpist on November 18

A dynamic and engaging performer, Kate is known for her versatility playing classical, jazz, pop, and folk music. She has performed several world premieres for symphonic and chamber ensembles and is active as both an arranger and composer for the harp. An award-winning musician, Kate has toured throughout Asia, Europe, and the U.S. She has also recorded two CDs with the internationally acclaimed ensemble HarpFusion, *25th Anniversary Spectacular* and *Harp on Tour*. The latter features her transcription of the Boieldieu *Concerto in C* for 14 harps and orchestra. In addition, she is currently recording an album of solo harp music scheduled for release in November 2012.



Upcoming Sunday Musicales in 2012/13:

- *Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, January 13*
- *Charged Particles, February 10*
- *Natur Early Music Ensemble, March 10*

Peter Bohlin Lecture

Arts Commissioners, along with Board of Library Trustees and City Council joined the public for a lecture on October 22 with Peter Bohlin, of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, architects for the new Civic Center. The lecture was taped by both the NBTv staff, as well as a contractor for the NB Library Foundation. Mr. Bohlin’s lecture may be viewed on both NBTv and on the Library Foundation’s website, under Podcasts.



MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

November 9, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

SUBJECT: *City Manager's Newsletter*

Water Production Annual Maintenance to the Pump Control Valves

The Water Production Crew performed annual maintenance to the pump control valves at the 16th Street pump station. Control valves are installed on pumps to prevent pipeline surges that may cause pipes to burst due to excessive pressure. When a pump is started, a control is energized and the valve gradually opens. When the pump shuts off, the control is de-energized and the valve gradually closes. This station has five 2,400 gallon per minute pumps that pump water from our underground three million gallon reservoir into the city's distribution system. Currently, 68 percent of the city's water comes from this station.



New Storm Drain Pipes Installed on Back Bay Drive

Last week, Kilbride Construction completed the storm drain replacement work on Back Bay Drive, which was located three-quarters of a mile southwest of Eastbluff Drive.



The contractor removed the deteriorated corrugated metal pipe, installed two 24" PVC pipes side by side, and constructed new concrete headwalls on both the inlet and outlet sides. With the new upgrade, these pipes will have the capacity to properly drain off water and hillside sediment during rain events. The project could only be performed between the months of September and March to ensure adherence to the current maintenance permit through the State Department of Fish and Game.



MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

City Adds Another Recycled Water User

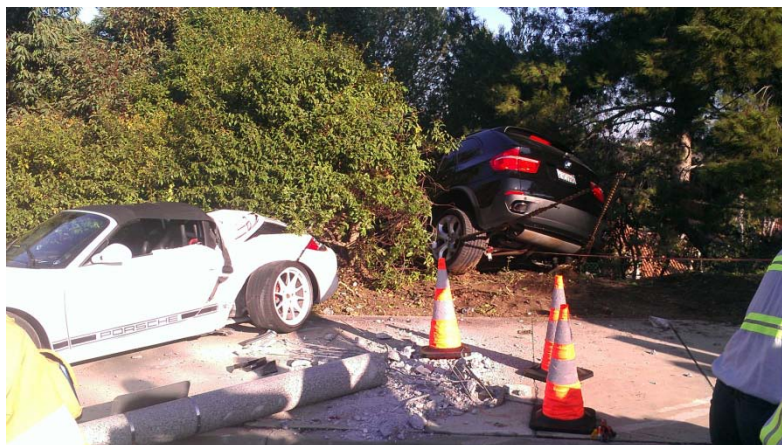
Recycled water is created and managed by the Orange County Water District. The water is part of the [Green Acres Project](#) (GAP) that supplies recycled irrigation water as a conservation measure to several cities and agencies in Orange County. The city started using recycled water in 1995, and last year used approximately 135 million gallons for irrigation. Two of the biggest consumers are the golf courses located at the Big Canyon Country Club and the Newport Beach Country Club. This week another user, Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, was approved to use recycled water.

The system uses purple pipe and signage to designate that the system contains non-potable water. For several months the customer has been constructing and testing the system. A mandatory California Department of Public Health (safety) shut-down test was conducted by our Water Quality Coordinator Gary Tegel to ensure potable water and recycled water do not mix at the property. The system performed perfectly. Having another recycled water customer will assist in our efforts to conserve potable water. It is anticipated that this customer will use approximately 500,000 gallons of recycled water per year.



Streetlight Knocked Down

On Wednesday, Department crews assisted the Fire Department with a traffic accident on Jamboree Road near University Drive that knocked down a streetlight pole. City Electrician Herb Wollerman responded to the scene and disconnected the power to the streetlight, making it safe. The City's streetlight repair contractor, International Line Builders, also responded.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 9, 2012

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER

New Employee

Please join me in welcoming a new member to the Police Department, Crime Scene Investigator Nikki Zack.



Nikki Zack was born in Hackettstown, New Jersey and raised in Glen Gardner, New Jersey, where she attended Voorhees High School, graduating in 2006. Nikki continued her education at West Virginia University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic and Investigative Science. While attending college, Nikki completed an internship with the Maryland State Police as a Crime Scene Technician Intern. Nikki will be assigned to the Detective Division as a Crime Scene Investigator.

Special Olympics Tip-A-Cop Event a Huge Success

On Wednesday, October 24, Police Department Officers and Volunteers served as “celebrity” hosts and servers at the Yard House Restaurant in Fashion Island in the annual Tip-A-Cop event on behalf of Special Olympics, Southern California. As the host of the event and in support of Special Olympics, the Yard House provided \$25 gift cards for each donation of \$25 or more. \$10,000 was raised to benefit Special Olympic athletes in Southern California.

Special Olympic athletes are children and adults with intellectual disabilities who are like other athletes – they love to train and compete, whether they win or lose. Special Olympics provide the athletes with the chance to develop their self esteem, and physical fitness, sports, and social skills.



Newport Heights Elementary School Bike Rodeo



On Wednesday, October 24, Police Department members attended a Bicycle Safety Rodeo hosted by Newport Heights Elementary School. The event, held at the school after early dismissal, was organized by parent volunteers, the Newport Heights Student Council, and coordinated by Crime Prevention Specialist Erica Sperling. Officers Vlad Anderson and Shawn Dugan, along with Police Department Volunteers Malcolm Read, Tom Borogno, Joel Gerson, and Marc Spiegel presented a bicycle safety talk for students, set up and supervised an obstacle course, and registered over 50 bicycles. In addition, student volunteers from Newport Harbor High School and Ensign Middle assisted personnel by handing out bicycle safety brochures and educating adults on the advantages of signing up for Nixle. Also offered at the event was a bicycle safety check, provided to participants free of charge by a local bike expert.

The event was well attended by both parents and students. Additional Bike

Safety Rodeos will be planned in the near future as a means to reach out to the community to educate both children and adults about the importance of bicycle safety.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Newsletter



To: David A. Kiff, City Manager
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director
Date: November 9, 2012

BRISTOL STREET SOUTH SUCCESSFUL NIGHT WORK

The finishing touches were put on this week and by Friday the pavement resurfacing job for Bristol Street South will be complete. This project was challenging on several levels:

- The location is next to a busy commercial center;
- The high volume of traffic and its direct connection with two off-ramps for the 73 Freeway;
- Major arterials criss-cross the project at either end, and;
- An alphabet soup of utility lines (MWD, IRWD, CMSD, MCWD etc.) run through the project.



Due to the heavy volume of traffic served by this street it was decided that night work would cause the least amount of disruption and hardship to the businesses and restaurants that line the street as well as the traveling public. Extensive traffic control plans and a permit from Caltrans were required to safely shut-down the off-ramp and reroute traffic while the contractor coldmilled the street and re-paved with rubberized asphalt. Many thanks to our Public Works inspectors Frank Martin and

Mike St. Clair. They did an excellent job overseeing the project and working split night shifts to ensure the job was conducted in a safe and efficient manner. The end result is a smooth riding street with a noticeable reduction in road noise. When you're in the area be sure to drive down Bristol Street South!

In addition to repaving Bristol Street South this project also repaired some damaged pavement along Newport Coast Drive. This road is heavily used by bicycle riders to provide great endurance training. Unfortunately, some areas of the bike lane pavement were cracking and resulted in an uneven riding surface for bicyclists. Our paving contractor Excel Paving made quick work of the problem areas by grinding out and replacing the damaged asphalt pavement in one day.



Thanks to the hard work of Senior Inspector Mike St. Clair quite a bit of money was saved during construction of this project. Look for some additional pick-up paving repairs with the left over budget this Winter/Spring.

“SHARROWS” IN CORONA DEL MAR

Bicycle Shared Lane Markings, better known as *Sharrows*, were installed on Coast Highway in Corona del Mar. Installation of *Sharrows* on this section of roadway was recommended by the Citizen's Bicycle Safety Committee to reduce the bicycle incident rate caused by “dooring,” a dangerous situation caused by a parked vehicle door being opened in the path of an oncoming cyclist.

Sharrows are an approved traffic control device and have been deployed in other agencies to increase driver awareness of cyclists' rights to ride in the lane to avoid hazardous situations, while guiding the cyclist to a better path of travel. The City of Newport Beach is one of the first Orange County Cities to install this new traffic control device.



PARTNERS IN SUCCESS



Special Thanks go to Tara Finnigan and Mary Locey from the City Manager's office and Lt. Jeff Lu from the Newport Beach Police Department for their work on the *Sharrows* project. Due to recent cycling incidents within the City, the Citizen's Bicycle Safety Committee elected to move the *Sharrow* installation up from January 2013 to October 2012. Tara and Mary created an excellent public outreach and education campaign while Lt. Jeff Lu worked with the Police Department to determine how the *Sharrows* would affect enforcement of motorists and cyclists. Their efforts were key to helping Public Works with their critical deadline.

FY 11-12 STREETLIGHT PROJECT – SCE INCENTIVE CHECK!!!

The recently completed FY11-12 Streetlight Improvement Project converted the Anniversary Tract streetlight circuit from an old series circuit with incandescent streetlight fixtures, to a parallel circuit equipped with energy efficient LED fixtures. The change out of circuitry and 42 streetlights will result in an on-going savings of approximately 23,000 kWh per year. This is a savings of over 50% of what the circuit originally consumed!

As part of our Energy Efficiency Partnership with the SCE, the City received a one-time incentive check of \$1,859.24 for this project's energy savings. Thank you Herb Wollerman in Municipal Operations and Peter Tauscher in Engineering for coordinating this project.

URBAN RUNOFF REDUCTION PROGRAM

Last year staff secured nearly 2.5 million dollars of Prop 84 grant funds for environmental projects and programs. The Buck Gully Restoration Project was one of those projects and was recently completed. Monitoring has begun to assess if water quality is improving. As a complement to this project, the City initiated a new urban runoff reduction program in November 2011 to promote the use of weather-based irrigation controllers and high efficiency spray nozzles. To promote this program, the City performed water audits and rolled out a focused public outreach program in the Buck Gully watershed. The goal was to reduce the amount of runoff flowing from community association and private landscapes. Runoff enters the storm drains and Buck Creek carrying pollutants from streets, pesticides and fertilizers from landscapes and eventually enters the ocean at Little Corona beach.



The public's response has been wonderful to date. We have installed **793 irrigation controllers** and nearly **20,000 stream nozzles!** With each installation we are able to educate community associations and homeowners about water quality and water conservation. Residents in the selected watershed still have time to take advantage of this program. We anticipate that the continuing efforts by our residents will result in an

improvement in water quality in Buck Creek. Visit www.socalwatersmart.com for information on rebates for replacing irrigation nozzles.

PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMES LUCIE DELORME



Lucie joined our Public Works team on October 22nd as an Administrative Analyst. She enjoys collaborating and partnering with others to achieve common goals. She has a wide range of experience geared towards utilizing technology and existing resources to streamline procedures. She began her career in the public sector with the City of Oceanside in 2002, after graduating from Cal State San Marcos. Lucie currently lives in Carlsbad and looks forward to moving to Orange County. She enjoys movies, painting, photography, cooking and hiking with her dog, Joey.



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: November 9, 2012

ON OUR WAY...

The Recreation Department's Marine Protection & Education division, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and Newport Bay Conservancy (NBC) are currently collaborating in the construction of a mobile aquarium, to conduct field trips with live marine animals within 25 miles of the Back Bay Science Center (BBSC) in Newport Beach, and to Little Corona to act as a tidepool interpretive center. A new custom-built vehicle is being constructed for three touch tanks and one viewing tank along with associated life support systems. The vehicle is funded by grants received by the City and NBC.



This is a very important step in the protection of the tidepools at Little Corona. On holidays and every day during the summer, thousands of people visit the tidepools. The objective is to offer tidepool visitors a chance to touch, explore, and learn about our intertidal organisms, but to also help protect our tidepools. By having this very special vehicle, we will be able to give people the opportunity to touch and learn a little before they come down to the rocks.

On November 6, MOD Equipment Maintenance Superintendent Kyle Brodowski, Recreation Manager Janet Cates, and Marine Protection Supervisor Michelle Clemente drove to Torrance to check on the project's status. We were very happy that after months of research and searching for a suitable vehicle, the selected Isuzu truck with a 16 ft. box is progressing nicely!

Once modifications to the truck box are complete, we will begin work on the aquaria. Concurrently we are working on programming plans and animal husbandry manuals. The final stages will include wrapping the truck with bright graphics and then moving animals into the tanks. We hope to be ready to share our new Traveling Tidepool vehicle in the late spring, or early summer of 2013.

Special thanks go out to Bob Stein (Public Works), Anthony Nguyen (Purchasing), and Kyle Brodowski (MOD). This is a very unique endeavor, which would not be possible without the help of such a great team!



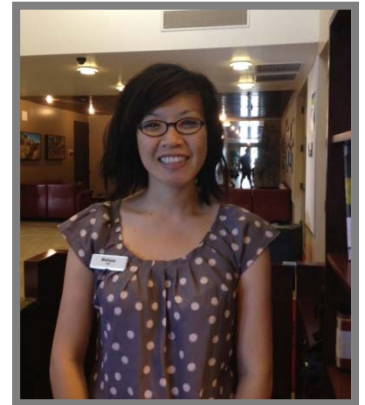


MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

In honor of the bicyclists that were killed and injured recently in Newport Beach, a Memorial Bike Ride event was held on Sunday, October 28 at Fashion Island. The event was planned and organized by Councilwoman Leslie Daigle and resident volunteer April Morris. With approximately 1200 riders participating, this event was a success. Special thanks to the Irvine Company and the Newport Beach Police Department for supporting and managing this special event for the community.

NEWPORT COAST COMMUNITY CENTER

The Department would like to congratulate Melissa Louie, the new Office Assistant at Newport Coast. Melissa has been working as a Recreation Leader since the spring. Her duties have included assisting with front desk duties at the Center, as well as working at the after school programs. Congratulations, Melissa on your promotion!



NCCC was also one of many polling stations in Newport Beach. The facility was extremely busy with over 500 residents casting their ballots on Tuesday, November 6.

AQUATICS



The Department would also like to congratulate pool lifeguard and swim instructor, Elissia Schilling for her achievements as a varsity water polo player at Newport Harbor High School. Elissia, a senior, has committed to playing for UCLA next year. She is a first-team All-Sunset League and first-team All-CIF Southern Section Division 1 selection last year for the Sailors. Elissia taught swim lessons for the City this past summer and continues to lifeguard during the school year. Congratulations, Elissia!

OASIS SENIOR SERVICES:

Intergenerational Program - OASIS Staff are assisting Sage Hill High School students by allowing them to do some of their special projects at the Senior Center. Each year Sage students are involved in what they call Service Learning. They are tasked with coming up with something that they feel will give back to the community.

The first group of gifted senior high school students is creating a montage of people's stories. They feel that through this montage, they will give people a greater understanding of others around them, and hopefully create a more connected community. Twenty seniors were interviewed on film. So far this has been an incredible experience for both the seniors and the students. The students have promised to share the film with us when it is completed.

The second group of high school students consists of talented young lady dancers who will be doing a short performance on four different occasions and then teaching the dance steps to the group. The performances and lessons will be well received by the seniors.

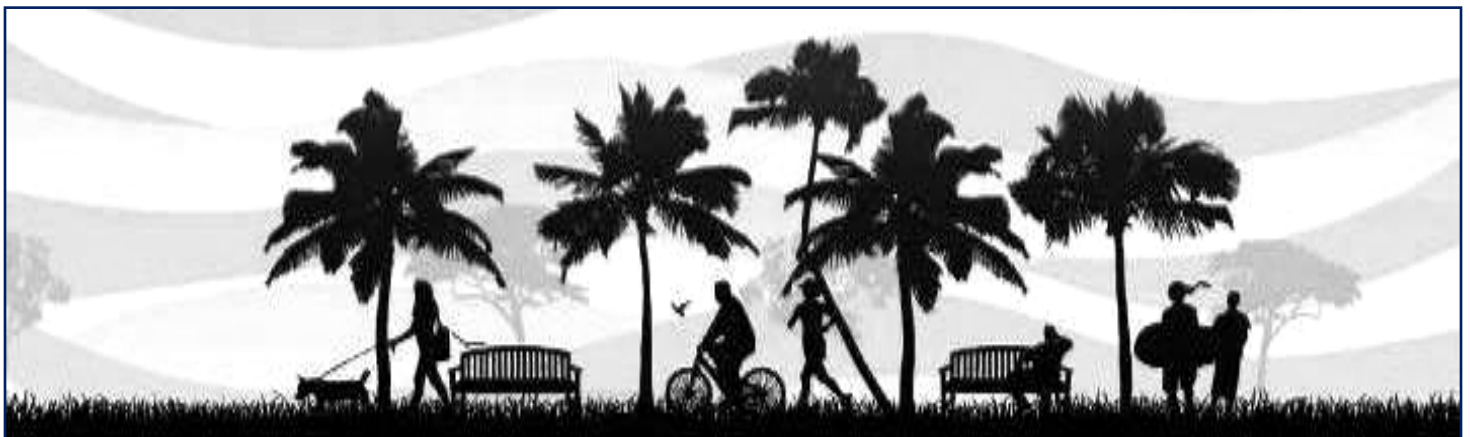


Holiday Activities - Thanksgiving Luncheon is coming up on Wednesday, November 21. Along with the traditional turkey meal, a Dixieland jazz band will be performing for the group. We expect 200 people to join us.

The holiday charitable giving projects will begin within the next week. The Social Services Supervisor, Vicki Chin is in charge of the many projects. Canned food will be collected for SOS holiday meals, handmade lap robes for the members who have moved to nursing homes, handmade knit hats for the homeless, which get donate to SPIN, and gift baskets for the homebound members.

Health Programs - It is open enrollment time again for Medicare and Medicare part D. On November 16, we will have 8 counselors from HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) helping people with selecting the plan that will best fit their needs. This is all done on computers now, so this program will be held in our computer lab.

The Center just completed a free Bone Density screening this week. The technicians scanned 30 participants. This is a free service donated by Greater Newport Physicians Medical Group.



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